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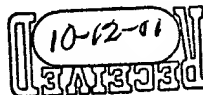
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In response to the Final Official Action mailed August 28, 2001,
please reexamine the application in view of the remarks provided below.

REMARKS

After reviewing that portion of the Schwuttke et al. reference cited by the Examiner, that portion of Applicants' specification cited by the Examiner, and the comments of the Examiner on the teachings of the Schwuttke et al. reference, Applicants understand the Examiner's position to be that a grid is defined in the Schwuttke et al. reference only after data has been entered into the space occupied by the grid at selected locations in this space, so that the grid is defined at the time the data is being entered (i.e., (1) the Schwuttke et al. grid is not defined in the absence of data entered at selected locations in the space occupied by the grid, or (2) selected locations in a space cannot be considered a part of the Schwuttke et al. grid until data has been entered at these locations, or (3) the Schwuttke et al. grid is defined only by the data entered in the grid, or (4) the definition of the Schwuttke et al. grid is ongoing as data is entered).

Applicants respectfully submit that the Schwunke et al. reference does not disclose that a grid is defined only after data has been entered into the